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For: **METHODS FOR PREDICTING SENSITIVITY OF TUMORS  
TO ARGININE DEPRIVATION**

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In response to the Office Action issued January 2, 2003, Applicants request entry of the following amendments, without prejudice.

**In the Claims**

Please amend claims 1, 2, 6, 7, and 27 to read as follows.

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1. (Amended) A method for identifying a cancer patient susceptible to arginine deprivation therapy comprising the steps:
- a) obtaining a cancerous tumor sample from the cancer patient; and
  - b) detecting the presence or absence of argininosuccinate synthetase protein in said cancerous tumor sample, wherein the absence of argininosuccinate synthetase protein in said

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